Stella near Blaydon on Tyne

Dear 141 Sir

Perhaps, Although I belong the working Class, there is no man in great Britain, more glad to receed of your cordial reception in there Islands, than myself, I have seen by means of the cheap Press (an invaluable privilege) the proceedings at London; where you were invited to Breakfast, by no small number of the most intelligent and patriotic members of Parliament as well as distinguished Ladies; you could not have had a better Chairmen than Mr J Bright, and I doubt not the proceedings will be examined with great interest throughout the nation; and I perceive with great pleasure

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that you intend to visit the Metropolis of the North, and there you are soon to be received, with equal satisfaction, but as I cannot attend; I take the liberty to state that I have always been an enemy to slavery, a hater of Cruelty to either man or Beast; and I say with the Poet Cowper, I would not count the man my friend, who needlessly sets his foot upon a worm It is certainly, a great triumph to behold a gentleman, of your talents, and courage, with are there talents, and courage, in the cause of humanity, so far back as the year 1822 when a very young man, I highly appreciated the laudable exertions of Wilberforce, Clarkson, and others; for their

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laudable exertions, in so good a cause.
As for the present War of the South
commenced to perpetuate Slavery
although I knew, that a great
many of our Aristocracy, were in
favour of the South; I felt not at all
influenced by their opinions, for I
firmly believed the the North would
be ultimately victorious; for Truth
is powerful above all things, and will
prevail; soon after the commence
ment of the Slave Holders War, I
wrote a Letter which appeared in
the Chronicle, the date I have
forgot, condemning the conduct
of the Slave Holders, and approv
ing the proceedings of President
Lincoln, and the North, it is a
pity that so good a man;

should have met with with so
tragical a death, from the hands
of a base Assassin, when he was
on the point of accomplishing his
wishes, by the most conci~~stency~~
liatory policy, and succeeding in
enabling the South in putting
down Slavery.
May you long live to enlighten
and regenerate the World, with
your benevolent disposition, and
distinguished Talents, is the sin
cere prayer of your very humble
Servt

John Brown

~~June~~ July 9th. 1867

Wm Lloyd Garrison

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